

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

The Abstract of the Disclosure is objected to due to minor informalities.

Claim 1 is objected to due to minor informalities.

Summary of Amendment

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been introduced.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 2-4 are allowed.

Accordingly, claims 1-4 are presently pending in this application.

Amendments to the Abstract

The Abstract of the Disclosure is objected to due to minor informalities. The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, the objection should be withdrawn.

Amendments to Claim 1

Claim 1 is objected to due to minor informalities. Independent claim 1 has been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been introduced. In particular, the duplicate phrase "A method of measuring stress using laser photoelasticity" described in claim 1 has been deleted. Accordingly, the objection should be withdrawn. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

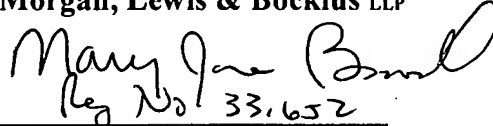
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and timely allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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